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Identical letters dated 30 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Further to our identical letters addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council on the failure of Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to address the question of the occupied Syrian Golan in his briefing to the Security Council on 25 May 2016 (S/2016/500), and with reference to the regular monthly meeting of the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East that was held on 30 June 2016, I should like, on instructions from my Government, to draw your attention to the following:

- The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic vehemently objects to and deplores the failure yet again of Mr. Mladenov, the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to address the situation in the occupied Syrian Golan in the briefing he gave on 30 June 2016. He also failed to highlight the position of the United Nations on the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan as set forth in the relevant United Nations resolutions, notably Security Council resolution 497 (1981). Furthermore, he also failed to address continuing Israeli violations and illegal practices in the occupied Syrian Golan, even though those issues are at the heart of the item that was under discussion and are an integral part of his mandate as the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process.

- Syria reaffirms that the item entitled "the situation in the Middle East" has, as is well-known, historically addressed ways to enforce United Nations resolutions, including Security Council resolutions, on ending the Israeli occupation of Arab territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan, and the withdrawal of Israel from those territories to the June 1967 borders, as well as resolutions on ending Israeli violations of humanitarian law, human rights law and other international instruments, in order to achieve comprehensive peace and justice in the region in accordance with the recognized terms of reference.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic therefore calls on the Secretariat to ensure that its future monthly briefings on the situation in the Middle East address the situation in the occupied Syrian Golan and implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, particularly resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 497 (1981).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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